



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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**RED SNAPPER RECREATIONAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO  
FEDERAL WATERS OPENS AT 12:01 A.M., APRIL 21, 2004,  
AND CLOSES 12:00 P.M., OCTOBER 31, 2004**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) announces that the recreational fishery for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico federal waters will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2004, with a 16-inch minimum size limit and a four-fish bag limit that includes captain and crew of for-hire vessels. The fishery will close at 12:00 p.m., October 31, 2004, when the recreational quota of 4.47 million pounds is projected to be caught.

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